

A RECIPE FOR COMPLETE DUMMIES

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There's an old song that will be familiar to most readers:

I took a leg from some old table, I took an arm from some old chair,
I took a neck from some old bottle, and from a horse I took some hair (I took some hair).
And then I put them all together with some paste and tar and glu-u-ue
And I get more lovin' from a doggone dummy than I ever got from you!

But even a dummy is an inadequate lover if it only has limbs, neck and hair. So I've worked out a recipe for a complete dummy. Take the following ingredients, scale up or down to size, mix and *voila!* Many need to be scaled up or down to fit metrically. Forget rhyme. All are nouns, but some are forced. A few are abstract, but dummies have feelings, too.

I took a _____ from some old _____ ...

head, navy ship	skull, pirate flag	pate, ceramics studio	temple, loom
brain, coral reef	scalp, ticketeer	face, clock	brow, mineshaft
bridge, fiddle	nose, wine	ear, cornstalk	lobe, leaf
tympanum, orchestra	anvil, blacksmith	hammer, toolshed	stirrup, ostler
tube, subway	eye, hurricane	lid, jar	lash, whip
iris, garden	pupil, school	lens, microscope	orbit, planet
cheek, hammer	beard, raven	wrinkle, plot	fold, shepherd
lip, jug	mouth, river	jaw, vise	teeth, comb
gum, vending machine	tongue, shoe	throat, sail	pipe, tobacconist
lung, bellows	stomach, stoic	guts, brave	appendix, book
bowel, ship	colon, sentence	loin, butcher	groin, vault
crotch, pants	privates, army	pussy, pet shop	ovary, flower
egg, cheerleader	womb, belly dancer	ball, pitcher	cock, farmyard
body, salvage yard	torso, statue	abdomen, snowman	chest, pirate
bust, narc	trunk, attic	shoulder, road	elbow, macaroni
wrist, rod pin	hand, croupier	paw, maw	maw, paw
knuckle, hinge	palm, beach	prints, photographer	finger, bartender
digit, number	thumb, ovolo	nail, carpenter	quick, hedge
rib, umbrella	breast, coal mine	nipple, baby bottle	tit, bird nest
belly, archer	waist, violin	navel, orange	spine, book
back, football team	pelvis, kidney	humerus, clown	radius, circle
bone, corset	lap, runner	hip, rosebush	calf, cow
shin, climber	thigh, lisper	knee, angle brace	joint, hippie
ankle, shoe strap	foot, yardstick	heel, cobbler	sole, ocean
toe, golf club	limb, tree	flesh, peach	fat, rich cat
heart, deck of cards	atrium, Roman house	valve, pump	muscle, beach
bladder, bagpipe	vessel, shipyard	vein, ore body	artery, highway
nerve, daredevil	kidney, beans	liver, survival group	cell, prison

A more logological but less tangible approach would be to find all these body parts embedded not in other objects or concepts but in other words or phrases, like *THE ADvent*, *flaSK ULLage*, *SCALPel*, *PATent*, *sysTEM PLEnitude*, *coBRA INfundibulum*. I leave that to others.